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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE-ON-FOREIGN-RELATIONS-

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

February 2, 1988

Hon. Claiborne Pell Chairman Committee on Foreign Relations U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I support Senator Helms' suggestions for rescheduling the Committee's INF Treaty Intelligence monitoring hearing that has been postponed indefinitely at the request of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. I believe that this hearing should also focus upon verification of the INF Treaty, which is a direct oversight responsibility of the Committee, as well as upon a full representation of all Intelligence monitoring judgments.

As you know, under Senate Rule 25 the Committee on Foreign Relations has exclusive jurisdiction over all treaties, as well as jurisdiction over national security and military policy and questions of war and peace. Moreover, the Committee has very specific responsibilities in law for oversight of arms control treaty verification.

The Derwinski Amendments. Section 37 to the Arms Control and Disarmament Act, was passed in 1977, (postdating the resolution creating the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.) The Derwinski Amendment requires that the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency furnish to the Committee, on a timely basis, a report on the verifiability of the proposed INF Treaty. This report should assume that measures of concealment not expressly prohibited by the INF Treaty could be employed by the Soviets, and that Soviet standard operating practices could be altered so as to impede INF verification. As you know, the ACDA is under the Committee's direct oversight.

In this regard, ACDA has recently reported that it has spent only 6.2 "In-House Professional Man Years" during FY 1987 on INF verification studies. On January 29, 1988, in his Committee confirmation hearing to become ACDA Director, General Burns stated that a Derwinski Amendment report on INF Treaty verifiability was underway in ACDA, and that he would expedite this vitally needed report as soon as he was confirmed as Director.

I find it inappropriate, however, that ACDA's Assistant Director for Verification testified on January 29, 1988, before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding INF verifiability. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has no responsibility for oversight of the arms control treaty verification function, which is a foreign policy matter. As you know, the U.S. Intelligence

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Community and both the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence usually take great pains to differentiate the Intelligence monitoring function in arms control from the foreign policy question of arms control treaty verification.

Accordingly, I support Senator Helms' request that before the Committee completes its hearings and marks-up the proposed INF Treaty, we receive the benefit of the required timely ACDA Derwinski amendment verifiability report on INF as promised by General Burns. Secondly, I support Senator Helms' request that ACDA witnesses, especially the ACDA Assistant Director for Verification, be invited to testify at our rescheduled hearing on INF Treaty Intelligence monitoring, along with the CIA Director. Finally, due to the importance of the proposed INF Treaty to our national security and to issues of war and peace, I support Senator Helms' request that the Directors of DIA, NSA, and each military service Intelligence component also be invited to testify before the Committee. Military Intelligence officials were of course invited to testify before the Committee extensively during our SALT II Treaty hearings, and I believe that it is even more vital for them to do so again.

I believe that it would be highly inappropriate for the Committee to begin mark-up of the proposed Treaty unless the foregoing testimony and related information is presented to the Committee.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Larry Pressler

United States Senator

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